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Mayoral race leads to December run-off

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After 2,624 voters turned out to vote in the Waverly Elections Tuesday, they will have to head to the polls again before the next Waverly mayor can be announced.

Bob Brunkhorst and Fred Ribich

received the most votes, but since none of the four candidates received over 50 percent of the vote, a run-off election will be held between Brunkhorst and Ribich on Dec. 1.

Voter turnout was up this year, with 35.4 percent of registered vot-

ers voting, Lynn Brase, the Bremer County Auditor, said.

There were only two polling places, something new allowed under Iowa Law for Municipal Elections.

"We are very happy with the feedback we received from the public regarding the two vote centers," she said. "The precinct atlas' made the election process run smoothly and quickly."

Brunkhorst said his campaign strategy was to spend little money and instead meet people one-on-one.

"I spent 500 bucks getting brochures and going to 800 households going door-to-door to get a bet-

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RUN-OFF ELECTION

When: Tuesday, Dec. 1

Where: Polling Stations

Who: Waverly Residents
Wartburg Students

ter understanding of what people want," Brunkhorst said.

Ribich said coming in second was a bit deflating.

"I think [it] provided the sort of energy activation of what work we need to do over the next few weeks," Ribich said.

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College news site receives top award

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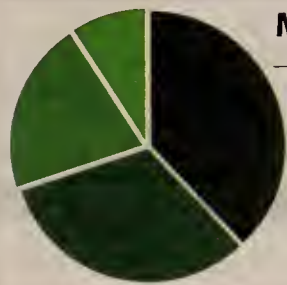
The Circuit, www.wartburgcircuit.org, has won a national online Pacemaker Award.

The award was given out by the Associated Collegiate Press at the National College Media Convention in Austin, Texas on Oct. 31. Wartburg was one of ten schools to receive the award in the four-year non-daily newspaper category.

In a competition against larger schools, The Circuit was recognized for its originality and inclusion of student media groups such as the Trumpet, WTV-8 and KWAR. Circuit Manager Spencer Albers said he was nervous when the awards were announced.

"I wanted to bring this [award] back to Wartburg for all the hard work we put into it," Albers said. "It's a great feeling to be recognized by a national organization for the work that we've done and continue to do."

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Mayoral Election Results
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■ Bob Brunkhorst	999	38%
■ Fred Ribich	843	32%
■ Brent Matthias	545	21%
■ Duane Liddle	236	9%

Graphic by Spencer Albers



Submitted Photo

Kathryn Koob and the other hostages were welcomed home by former President Jimmy Carter following their release on Jan. 20, 1981.

444 DAYS

*On Nov. 4, 1979, over 50 Americans were taken hostage in Tehran, Iran.
A Wartburg professor spent over one year as a "guest of the revolution."*

MAC SLAVIN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Thirty years ago this month Kathryn Koob was one of the 52 Americans taken hostage for 444 days in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran.

"One of the biggest fears [was] not knowing what was going on, so you're always wondering ... what's happening to our colleagues? Are they okay? There was a whole range of emotions," Koob, a Wartburg professor and former foreign diplomat, said.

On Nov. 4, 1979, Iranian students stormed the U. S. Embassy and the 444 days began. Koob said the Iranians had been students in the United States during the 60's, saw the protest movements of the 60's and carried out a protest of their own.

While being held hostage, Koob said they were allowed to read books, but weren't allowed to read the news. When almost a year had past, she remembered asking a woman how the presidential election turned out in the U.S.

"I can still see her face. She asked, 'How did you know there was a national election? You aren't supposed to have any news.' And I said well, and I was wrong, it was the first Tuesday of November ... She was appalled

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Submitted Photo

The Iranian Hostage Crisis affected Americans across the country as evident in this photo from Virginia.

The Holiday Shoppe seeks other funding

SARAH MAXWELL STAFF WRITER

The Holiday Shoppe's budget was cut nearly in half this year because Dining Services canceled all fasts. These fasts brought in about \$4,000 of the total \$10,000 budget, said Erin Suchy, a senior coordinator for the Holiday Shoppe.

Last year over 300 families turned to the Holiday Shoppe to get gifts for their children. This year the Holiday Shoppe is expecting to give gifts for 691 kids.

The fasts in previous years allowed students to sign over a meal, and the money saved from fasting would go to the Holiday Shoppe.

"The fast was canceled because dining needed to determine the best way to responsibly handle our budget without negatively impacting food or service quality or services available," said Margaret Empe director of dining services.

The Holiday Shoppe has increased efforts to reach out to the community to make up the loss of funding. They have also completed a letter writing campaign to ask for donations. They sent letters to

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NEWS



Abbie Baker/TRUMPET

Hannah Scrobeck takes an ornament to buy a gift for the age group listed. Trees are located in the library, Mensa and Controller's Office.

Dining Services to partner in Thanksgiving fundraiser

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members in the community asking for help.

"CUNA has given us \$2,000 which has helped tremendously making up what we lost through the fast," said Emily Maiden, one of the senior donation coordinators. This is CUNA's first year donating to the Holiday Shoppe.

The Holiday Shoppe also approached student senate for help. Last year they were allocated \$1,100 as part of yearly allocation process, but student senate also approved a supplemental funding request to match up to a \$1,000 that the Holiday Shoppe raised. Justin Erickson, student body treasurer said it took the Holiday Shoppe two days to raise the \$1,000.

The Holiday Shoppe has expanded its outreach program to more churches in the area.

"We have students actually go-

ing out and speaking to the different congregations encouraging them to have a tree at the church to collect toy donations or to do a special offering that would go toward Holiday Shoppe," said Maiden.

Dining services is working with the Holiday Shoppe to help them make up some of the money they lost from the fasts. They are partnering for a Thanksgiving fundraiser.

"Dining services has had a lot of requests in the past for different items they make. We've put together order forms, and we are distributing them throughout the campus so that people can order items that are made by dining services," said Maiden.

The Holiday Shoppe will receive 15 percent of the profits from the fundraiser.

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The Circuit looks at ways to enhance site

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The contest was judged by Ellyn Angelotti, Interactivity Editor for the Poynter Institute – a leader in online journalism training and education.

Angelotti noted that the top sites displayed excellence in the integration of multimedia and user-generated content, navigability, breadth of coverage, including in-depth reporting, sound news judgment on the home page and custom, clean design.

When The Circuit was in development, students wanted an im-

provement in online content that included a network that contained links to each medium's Web site.

Faculty adviser Cliff Brockman said the growth in the Web site has gone beyond his initial expectations and doesn't know what the next innovation will be for the site.

"It's up to the students, it's their media and so we'll see what they have," Brockman said.

Brockman said he would like to see The Circuit go mobile so students could pick up campus news on their phones or other mobile devices.

He also said The Circuit has

helped students prepare for professional work as journalism students need to know how to write in an online format.

Albers said it was difficult to get the multi-media Web site to where it is today with people speaking up and being persistent.

"That is what's the most important, this is a site for the students," Albers said. "We hope that students continue to use it, more students continue to get involved, it continues to grow and it creates new things."

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Repairs to flood-damaged bridge commence

MARIBEL LOPEZ STAFF WRITER

Repair work on the Waverly Rail Trail Bridge is underway, a year and a half after the 2008 summer floods washed away some of the streambed support under and around the bridge piers.

During the flood and for a few weeks following the flood, all Cedar River bridges were closed until every bridge could be inspected by a structural engineer.

The damage to the Rail Trail Bridge was discovered by a bridge inspector who brought in a team of underwater inspectors to determine the extent of the damages.

The bridge was built in the early 1990s and has experienced many floods in its lifetime.

The damage found was not dangerous because of its light weight and low impact travelers so it was allowed to stay open to the public.

However, city engineer and public works director, Mike Cherry, said the repairs are necessary to prevent further damage that could require the closure of the bridge.

WHKS & Co. of Mason City began repairing the damage two weeks ago.

The process will consist of filling in the holes created by the flood with stones. They will also work to prevent future damage by reinforcing it with larger stones.

Flood recovery is still not completed but Cherry said, "We

are making progress, it has been slow, but we're almost there."

Aside from the bridge repairs, the other big projects left in flood recovery and prevention are the inflatable dam and housing buy-out program.

City Administrator Dick Crayne said the dam is expected to prevent future flood damage that could protect 400-500 homes and the downtown area.

The cost to repair the Rail Trail Bridge is estimated at \$350,000 including design, inspection and administration and is expected to be completed by the end of this fall.

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Submitted Photo

Former Wartburg President Robert Vogel and Kathryn Koob walk out of a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving in Knights Gymnasium on Feb. 12, 1981.

Koob spent time reading Bible, other books

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that I had that news," she said.

Since she wasn't allowed to have access to outside news, she read a lot of books, everything from the classics to a business administration textbook.

"I also used the time in Iran as sort of a spiritual sabbatical," she said, "[I thought a lot about] if I was who I said I was, which was a practicing Lutheran Christian and I believe the Bible, when the Bible says in Luke 6 love your enemies, that's not optional. It doesn't say do your best to love your enemies, it doesn't say try to love your enemies, it doesn't even say think about lov-

ing your enemies; and then just in case you didn't get it about 12 verses later it says it again."

She continues to remember the verse as she leads various prayer workshops. She also gives other speeches about her time in Iran.

One speaking engagement she remembered particularly was several months after her return to Iowa.

"I met a Miss America, she had been Miss America like 14 years earlier, and I wanted to ask her every hokey question she had been asked, because she was a Miss America. She was on that particular gig because she was a spokesperson

for upper respiratory diseases and I was there because I was the Iran hostage, and I realized that it was that type of a figure in some respects that I had become," she said.

Koob returned back to Wartburg to give a convocation about terrorism and decided teaching at her alma mater would be a good idea. She has taught courses in speech, theatre, religion and intercultural communications.

"I don't believe [the hostage crisis] was a dominant feature in my life, I've continued to travel and work," she said.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

TRUMPET EDITORIAL: **Maintaining independence to report the news truthfully**

The “truth” isn’t always popular, but it needs to be reported—especially since the purpose of a newspaper is to disseminate truthful information fairly and accurately.

When an article is printed that confirms sexual assault is present on college campuses—even our own—some might feel uncomfortable about that “truth.” When the official college news release on enrollment is examined more closely and unstated “truths” about those numbers are stated in an editorial, those in charge might be uneasy.

These stories, however, are news—information the students at this college deserve to know.

A newspaper’s responsibility is to inform the public, not to skirt around difficult situations. Some-

times stories might shine a negative light on the college and those in charge might worry it will affect Wartburg’s public image. But it is important to remember a newspaper is not a public relations tool and pertinent information must be shared with the entire college community, whether good or bad.

We hope readers know this paper is not perfect; when we make a mistake, we admit it. We hope that when news about the college is reported, officials can admit their mistakes too—and will understand this paper would fail to fulfill its purpose if it didn’t hold people accountable.

It’s nothing personal. They have their jobs to do, we have our jobs to do. But when student journalists

feel pressure from administrators to report news a certain way, it’s alarming—not just for journalists, but for readers as well.

Wartburg has been lucky to have administrations that practice a hands-off approach.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Ferol Menzel, said the college provides the student media autonomy to provide news to our audience. Menzel said she is “happy to say that the students and their advisers have been thoughtful about their work, thus ensuring autonomy” during her years at Wartburg.

But who determines when a story is not “thoughtful”? If a story runs that is not “thoughtful”, could that mean a loss of independence?

Because Wartburg is a private

institution, our right to publish is in the hands of the administration, and so far, those rights have been appropriately expansive.

Others haven’t been so lucky. This fall, Fairfield University administrators ordered a review of newspaper policies at the Connecticut school after officials did not like a satirical column. Two James Madison University journalists are facing disciplinary proceedings because the school did not like how they covered a story about a residence hall incident.

The staff at the Vincennes University newspaper saw those who did not like an article actually steal 2,000 copies of the paper from vending racks. It was worse for the University of Arizona Daily Wild-

cat—10,000 copies of that paper were stolen and kept from public distribution.

And that’s all just since this semester started.

Journalists are often not popular; by reputation we are the bearers of bad news. But when it comes to attempts to silence our voice, whether through not-so-subtle intimidation or outright theft, all citizens suffer.

We hope that in that spirit of free speech and open discussion, those in charge at Wartburg will continue to allow the fair and accurate reporting of news—even if it is uncomfortable or controversial—free from undue pressure to remove a story.

A WORD FROM THE WISE: **Same-sex couples deserve equal rights**

BRIAN BIRGEN
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I wholeheartedly and unequivocally support the right of gay people to get married.



G a y marriage has returned to our headlines recently with the state of Maine voting to rescind the rights of same-sex couples to get married by a vote of 53 percent to 47 percent.

At the same time in Washington, voters opted by a margin of 52 percent to 48 percent to expand the rights of homosexuals in domestic partnerships to those previously available only to married couples. These expanded rights include hospital visitation, access to medical records, pension access and so on.

Iowa was thrust into the heat of this debate in April when its Supreme Court struck down the state law which prohibited same-sex marriage as unconstitutional. This came on the heels of the citizens of California passing Proposition 8, which banned gay marriage.

I have a large number of gay

friends, most of whom I met when I grew up in California. These friends are police officers, real estate agents and college professors. They earn money and pay taxes. For what possible reason should the government choose not to give them full protection under the law?

I am very proud that Iowa recognizes gay marriage. I have chosen to make Iowa my home and the place that I want to raise my children. My children are being given a strong foundation in education and core moral values, including equality for all.

I know that there will be an attempt to take away the marriage rights of gay couples in Iowa. This is a divisive issue for many who view homosexuality as an immoral choice.

They will seek to put this on our ballot and then attempt to argue the “gay agenda” is demanding special rights and trying to take away the religious freedom of others.

When that time comes I hope Iowans will stand up against fear and for equality, and say that all people deserve equal protection and service under the law.

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WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND: **Keeping every day interesting**

AARON BENSON GUEST COLUMNIST

One of the things I love about school is the fact that, for the most



part, you have a set schedule of where you have to be every day. At this point, I don’t really have to think about what classes to go to, I just have to know what day of the week it is. At some point, though, you just have to mix things up; I know if I don’t, I just get bored.

One day I was talking with my friend Carrie Smisek about this very subject when she gave me a book called “This Book Will Change Your Life”.

“This Book Will Change

Your Life” is filled with tasks to accomplish every day for a year. These tasks can be as simple as triple knotting your shoes or giving someone a compliment. They can be as weird as writing a letter to a mass murderer—I wrote a letter to Charles Manson but so far he has not replied.

They can also be difficult.

One day I was supposed to try and go an entire day without saying the words “yes”, “no”, “yeah”, “sure”, and other variations. Try that for a day...it is harder than you think.

Some days teach you to appreciate things like a little bit of chaos.

On my fifth day I was instructed to put an “Out of Order” sign on something that worked perfectly fine. I had no idea what I was going to put it on. I wanted it to be something that would make things

slightly inconvenient, but not too inconvenient, so I decided to put it on a McDonald’s drive-thru order screen.

I printed off an official looking “Out of Order” sign, put tape on it and drove to McDonald’s. After I put it up, I watched five or six cars go through the drive-thru, see the sign, park their car and go inside the McDonald’s because of the sign. I was surprised at how well it worked.

I have really enjoyed working on this book. It has been really fun to have something different to do each day, no matter how crazy it is.

So if you are getting bored with the everyday normal schedule, try and spice it up. It may not change your life, but it will make it more interesting.

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Choice Words | WARTBURG SOUNDS OFF

“Did you know that the new skinny bags of chips in the K-Dit have 20 percent fewer chips for the same price? Thanks Wartburg!”

- Wanting More

“Hey creepers across the way: we’re creeping on you too!”

- Fellow Hawk Victory Dancer

“Sometimes I think it would be fun to rake up the leaves in the middle of campus and jump in them...but maintenance compulsively mows the lawn every day. No fair.”

- Mowing Down My Dreams

“Dear girl in the cadaver room: I would like to study your anatomy.”

- Creeper in the Lab Coat

“Since when has it become necessary to save a spot in the Mensa?”

- Good Thing There’s a Survey

“Has anyone else noticed that the chapel clock’s four is IIII instead of IV?”

- Timely Matter

“Dear boy in the Mensa: please don’t just stand there when you put your dirty dishes on the rotating machine. Get out of the way.”

- Girl With 15 People Behind Her

“To my roommates: do your boyfriends have to be in the room EVERY TIME I come back from the shower?”

- Privately Naked

“Dear Iowa weather: due to the fact that you are stupid and more unpredictable than the H1N1 outbreak, I would appreciate it if you could be a stable temperature so I don’t have to go from short sleeve shirt to parka in the same day. Thanks.”

- Anti-Iowan

“Dear freshman in the library: I realize you love your mom. You don’t have to shout it across the library!”

- Really?!

“Dear Mr. Must Flex Muscles: to save yourself from embarrassment, stop flexing in front of the mirrors at “The W”! Yes, we all know you still have some work to do.”

- Person in the Orange Polo

“A note to creeper in the corner: no, I will not give you more shake, nor my number. Quit creeping. ‘K, thanks!’”

- Fed Up With Creeps

“Dear Mensa: I am a vegetarian, not a cheeseandonionarian.”

- Sassy Garden Queen

“Every time I see one of the Konditorei workers pushing that metal cart, I’m scared they’re going to fall because of it and twist their ankle. Dining Services MIGHT want to check on that...”

- Concerns at the K-Dit

“Dear soda pop stealer: I hope you get cavities!”

- I Don’t Thief

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NEWS

Freshmen to pay \$200 for deposit in fall

AL STRAIN STAFF WRITER

Wartburg has raised the amount of the enrollment deposit from \$100 to \$200 this year for incoming students. It applies to the class entering Wartburg next fall.

The deposit is the charge that potential students pay to reserve their spot at Wartburg.

Todd Coleman, vice president of admissions, said Wartburg's deposit is still lower than its competitors.

Most of the others schools Wartburg competes with have deposits anywhere from \$300 to \$500, Coleman said.

Next year's housing deposit for current students will not rise, Director of Residence Life Wes Brooks said. However, it may in the future.

"Currently it is \$100. Sometimes we do try to have the deposits in different areas all line up, so the \$200 potential housing deposit could come into effect," said Brooks.

Brooks also said that a deposit may not be necessary for current students, because they are already residents of the college.

Brooks said the raise in the enrollment deposit was largely driven from an admissions standpoint.

This raise could cause fewer problems for all Wartburg students, he said.

"The hope would be once we place students they would be coming in to stay," Brooks said.

He said the new amount may cause fewer problems with incoming students having to change roommates because their potential roommate decided not to come at the last second.

Coleman said the official decision was made in the summer of 2008 to apply the new deposit amount to this school year.

Coleman said the increased deposit was a reaction to the cost of living going up. Wartburg is getting no profit from the increase in the deposit.

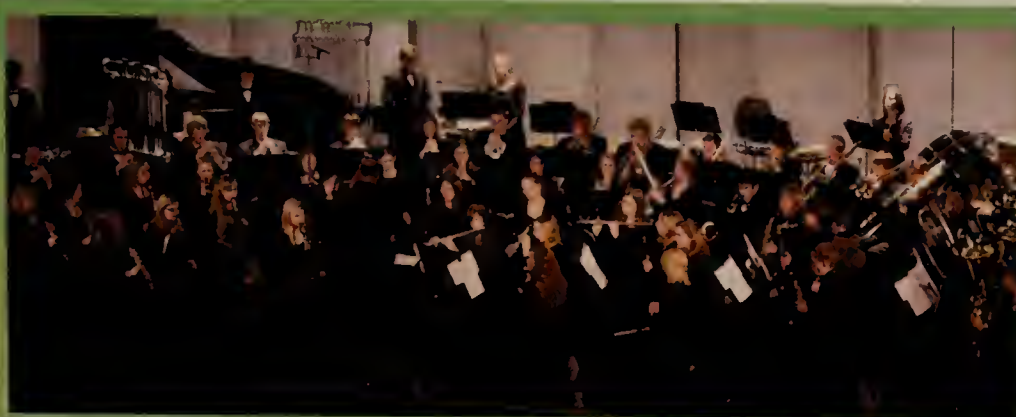
"At some institutions the deposit is additional income. Here the deposit just comes off a student's tuition and fees. One way or another that \$200 is going to be on their bill," Coleman said.

The raise is an indicator of the commitment the prospective student is making to Wartburg. After several years, it was time for a change in the amount, Coleman said.

With this school year being the first year for the new amount, it's too early to gauge student's reaction to the decision, but Coleman said no one has complained so far.

"What we hope is that a year from now we can look back and say that it was a strong indicator of a student's level of interest in attending Wartburg," said Coleman.

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Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET

The Wind Ensemble performed their fall concert this past Friday and Saturday and will now be preparing for Christmas with Wartburg. They will be the only band in this year's program.

New ideas implemented for Christmas with Wartburg

ELLEN KURT ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Christmas with Wartburg tickets are on sale, and with the new direction Dr. Lee Nelson, director of Christmas with Wartburg, is taking the program, the audience will be pleasantly surprised, he said.

He said he hopes to not only improve the program, but to also capitalize on what has been done in the past.

"I'm so excited for it. It's one of the main reasons I fell in love with the job. . . I like to program this sort of music where it incorporates all types of ensembles," Nelson said.

Nelson, who is the director of Wartburg Choir and Ritterchor, said hearing the music for the first time was exciting.

"It's fun to finally hear and see what was in your head all come out. It's all consuming. I wake up in the middle of the night thinking about Christmas with Wartburg," Nelson said.

Nelson said there are more pieces than in previous years, and it is going to take some time outside of practice for all of the

pieces to come together.

"We are taking [the concert] to the next level. It's almost going to be in stereo sound, because we will be in every corner of Neumann," Nelson said.

Shelley Hartman, Wartburg Choir member, said Nelson's enthusiasm is rubbing off on the Wartburg Choir.

"We see Dr. Nelson is excited and has big plans for what it will turn out to be and that makes us want to work harder and be excited," Hartman said.

Nelson said he wanted to create a balance for all performers which meant less band players with the same amount of singers. Symphonic Band will not be joining the rest of the groups in the concert this year, but St. Elizabeth Chorale and Ritterchor will still be part of the program.

"When we only had Castle Singers, which is about 30 voices, and Wartburg Choir, which is about 70 voices, with the Wind Ensemble, with about 60-70 players. One trombone can wipe out a whole tenor section," Nelson said.

Dr. Craig Hancock, director of bands, said he was disappointed that Symphonic Band will not be playing this year, but he said everyone should keep an open mind about it.

"I would hope that anybody new would bring new ideas, and I don't mean a negative new, just new, fresh ideas," Hancock said.

Since they will not be a part of the concert, the Symphonic Band will be forming small ensembles and performing on and off campus in the Waverly area.

This year's theme for Christmas with Wartburg is "Tidings of Great Joy" and is centered around angels.

Show times for Christmas with Wartburg are Friday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium, Saturday, Dec. 5 at Lutheran Church of Hope in Des Moines at 7:30 p.m., and two performances on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Neumann.

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City views plans for new fairground and ball diamonds

MARIBEL LOPEZ STAFF WRITER

A preliminary master plan for a combined county fairground and baseball/softball complex will be constructed just west of the Waverly city limits was presented to city council members on October 26.

This is the first time the plan, created by RDG Planning and Design, has been shared with the community.

The idea for the new complex came about in fall of 2007, after assessments were made to the current ball diamonds in Waverly.

A need for more diamonds was determined and recreational committees showed interest in joining forces to create a complex that could be utilized by both baseball and softball teams and fair-goers.

RDG's Mike Bell presented the plan.

"What is a fair? A fair is a place you can't typically live with everyday-who eats corn dogs everyday? Who wants to see the 700-pound whatever everyday? . . . And so a fair is about outside the ordinary life," Bell said.

Bell suggested the grounds could be used year-round for all kinds of

events and the prime location of the site.

The proposed site for the complex is located just off of Highway 3 with access to that highway, as well as Highway 218.

Costs have not been discussed.

Iowa's top county fairs were analyzed to help create the design for Waverly's complex, which Bell hopes will make the Bremer County Fair one of the top five in Iowa.

The complex would include baseball and softball diamonds with full concession and bleachers, and the fairgrounds will be suitable for 60 to 70 full RV sites, an array of various buildings such as a 4-H and an expo building, more livestock barns and even sky seats like those of the Iowa State Fair.

The land for the project is currently owned by the Central Iowa Water Association which offered the city of Waverly the idea of buying and using their water for the city and receiving the land for free or else paying between \$13,000 and \$15,000 per acre.

Waverly currently has its own water treatment process and the decision of switching to CIWA is still being discussed.

This plan is still in its preliminary stages.

The next step is to decide who is going to take charge of the project since it is a combined effort by two organizations. From there, two more meetings will be held to finalize the plan.

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Students to explore majors

DIANA OGBEVIRE STAFF WRITER

The Pathways Center will be hosting a program called Majors in Minutes for students who are undecided about their major and future career path.

Majors in Minutes was created for students who are exploring majors or for students interested in learning about other majors and minors they may want to add.

"It is an opportunity to learn more about the programs offered at Wartburg because you never know where you may end up, and it is important to know which options are available," Michael Gleason, Pathways associate for vocation and mentoring, said.

Gleason said the event would be similar to speed dating, where students would be receiving a lot of information in a short period of time. Each student will receive a map showing where all of the majors' tables are located.

"The students will have five minutes to go and talk to the people at the table. When the five minutes are up they can choose to stay at the table or move along," Gleason said.

Gleason said the most he would want students to take out of this experience is to realize that upperclassmen are excellent resources when trying to understand a particular major.

"I think we should inform students of the reason we chose our majors and what we see ourselves doing in the future to give them a reassurance of prospective career options," Naiya Khushalani said.

Gleason said there are an estimated 40 upperclassmen who will be participating in this event.

"This is a great opportunity for students who are exploring and unsure of what they want to do to figure out what might interest them," Khushalani said.

Majors in Minutes will take place on Nov. 17 from 7-8 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth and Heritage Ballrooms.

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Student's hobby pays off, music launched on iTunes

TEALA KRAPFL STAFF WRITER



Combine a knack for computers, a video game habit and an affinity for techno music, and you get a man that goes by the name Colorful Limo.

Owen Johnson released his techno album, "Wootalicious", on iTunes this past summer under the Colorful Limo name and already has another album in the

works.

His interest in experimenting with music started at the age of 10 with one microphone and has since blossomed into a full-blown hobby, which seems to be reaping some benefits.

It wasn't until more recently that Johnson really got serious about his musical endeavors.

After making CDs and deciphering the particulars of legal

jargon, he found a distributor who was able to get "Wootalicious" launched on iTunes.

"The hardest thing is just getting [the music] out there," Johnson said.

He added, "You could have awesome music, but if you don't have the right networking, there's no one to sell it to."

Some may wonder what made him want to take his hobby out into the musical abyss that is iTunes.

"I thought, if I'm going to make music I might as well share it with everyone," he said.

Johnson likes to base his musical concoctions off of his current mood. Think of it as a sort of therapy, minus the sweater vest-clad stranger nodding across the way, he said.

If he's excited about something, he'll create a song with lots of energy. If he's feeling down, he'll go for a more mellow feel to ease his spirits. Other times he tries for a unique sound.

"I just completely go in and

try to make something weird," he said.

As Colorful Limo, Johnson takes listeners on a ride through Technotown. Songs like "Daburg" (Johnson's first written work after coming to Wartburg) and "Pull the Pin" stay true to the classic techno style.

With driving beats and synthesized melodies, there is a hypnotic vibe to the album and a sound reminiscent of advancing through the levels of a video game.

While iTunes labels it as Electronica, Johnson describes his music as "sweet and sour chicken for your ears."

Johnson's recorded tracks can be found on iTunes by searching for "Colorful Limo."

He doesn't know when his next album will be released. One thing he is sure of, however, is that he wants to kick things up a notch for his sophomore effort.

Johnson hopes to make 1,000 copies of his next album; ten times the amount he made for

"Wootalicious".

He is hoping for good news in the coming months over his album's success on iTunes thus far.

He is getting his music to the masses, with his current album set to release on about 30 online stores in the near future.

The self-taught techno tyrant is pleased with the support he has already gotten.

"The people that do know about [my music] seem to like it," he said.

On top of that, his Facebook fan page shows he already has some fans spanning as far as Spain and the United Kingdom.

Johnson said he feels awesome about all of this success.

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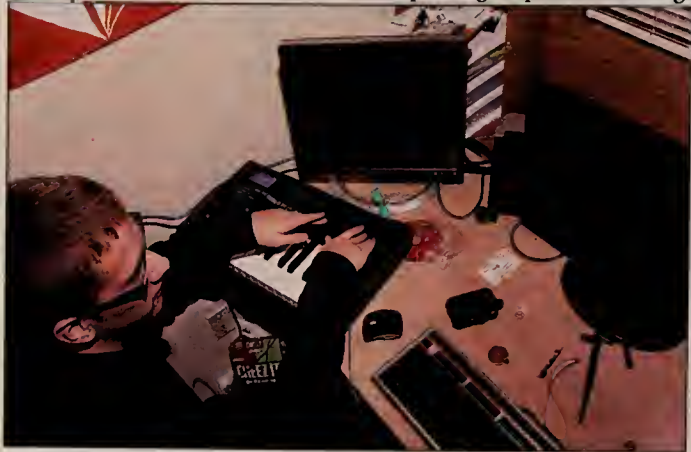
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Owen Johnson produces techno music in his dorm room. His album, "Wootalicious", was recently launched on iTunes.

Mime performance offers unique worship experience

HANNAH COX STAFF WRITER

The Wartburg Mime, performed last weekend, depicted God's love for humankind, everything from creation to the resurrection.

The actors portrayed their story with actions, ribbons and dancing. The performance was set to music.

The show was written and cast by Alex Krumm and John Maybee and was silent except for the line "It is finished," which Jesus (Maybee) yells out as he dies on the cross.

"When they don't have words to say they have to depict everything with actions, and actions can speak considerably louder than words can," Krumm said.

The performance involved 13 cast members on stage, three extras and three crew members.

The cast was mainly composed of students who have participated in various summer Bible camps.

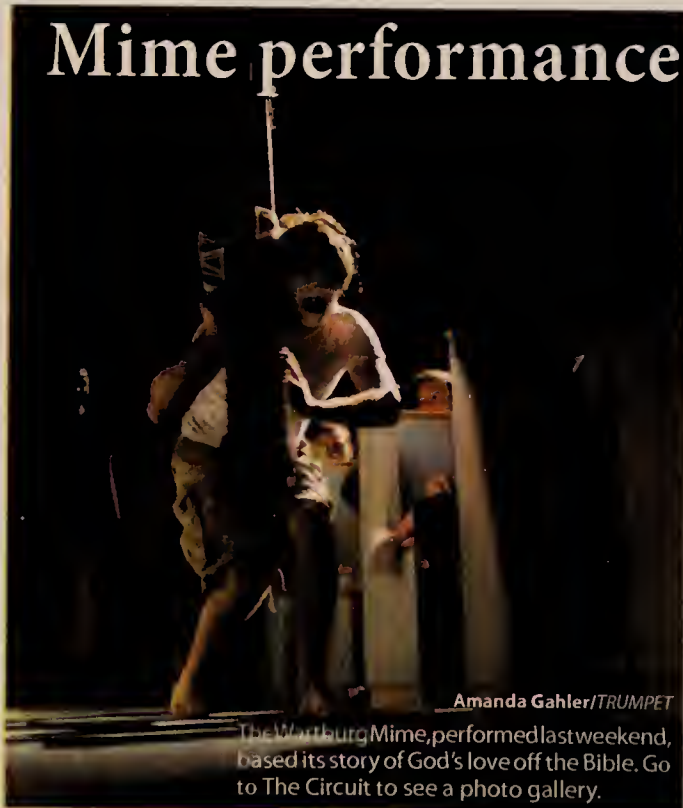
Krumm said they have no problem with participation and have no difficulty filling all the characters.

"I was a bit surprised when I was cast as Satan, but it's exciting to see the story from a different point of view. It's strange, but enjoyable," Kate Glenney said.

The performance was Christian-centered, drawing from the Old and New Testament.

"It wasn't like anything that I expected when I heard the word 'mime'. The show was interesting and unlike anything I've seen before," Jessica Wallace said.

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The Wartburg Mime, performed last weekend, based its story of God's love off the Bible. Go to The Circuit to see a photo gallery.



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has"—Margaret Mead. That is the quote that comes to my mind as I think about the Fall Break service trip to Cedar Rapids. We worked with the Block by Block Program, a program designed to help bring neighborhoods after the floods. We were able to help five homes in several capacities—from digging holes for posts to completely insulating walls. We helped change the neighborhood just as others from the neighborhood changed us.

-Amy Tucker



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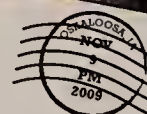


Fall Break Service Trips

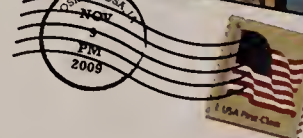
We worked with Habitat for Humanity in Oskaloosa. We insulated the attic, we put in kitchen and dining room flooring, and we trimmed doorways, patched drywall and put baseboard in rooms.

It felt really good to help out with the house. We met the man that the house was going to and we heard his story. He had been injured and was having trouble being able to work. It was really rewarding to know how much the house meant to him. It was cool to meet him and see how excited he was to be getting a house when we take having a house for granted.

~David Laughlin



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Löhe learning projects

Residents live out college's mission

MORGAN BERGMANN STAFF WRITER
TEALA KRAPFL STAFF WRITER

One phrase repeated often on campus is Wartburg's mission statement: "Wartburg College is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning."

Students living in Löhe get to know the college's mission even better as they band together to create learning proposals based on the statement.

Löhe, which opened its doors in 2004 as an addition to Grossman Hall, requires its residents to participate in proposed learning projects throughout the year. Each suite looks into a new aspect of their project on a monthly basis and provides updates so others can see what they have learned.

Other than the Residence, Löhe is the only dorm that requires it's occupants to complete extra work in return for having a place to live.

The concept is simple: it's about putting Wartburg's mission into action. Where other residence halls only give students a place to live, Löhe provides its residents a unique opportunity to learn and grow outside the classroom setting.

Teaching personal health to women

One four-person suite is focusing on providing important health information to women.

"So much emphasis is put upon our academic achievement, yet often we forget that at this time in our life we need to learn how to take care of our bodies," Jessica Schick said.

The suite partners with Allen Women's Health, Wartburg Counseling Services and SMART (Sexual Misconduct Awareness Resource Team) to research topics that are important for women to learn about.

"As a business major, I spend very little time learning how to better my body and take care of myself. I feel that it's my responsibility to take action now during this transition in my life to help myself become a better person," Schick said.

Each month, the suite will

compile all the information into a newsletter titled "Myth: Busted". The group will distribute it to the female dorms across campus.

September's topic was the OB-GYN. They answered questions that women have, such as when you should go, what to expect and what your rights are.

In October, they focused on breast cancer and self-examination. They want women to know the benefits of self-examination.

Other topics this year may include date rape drugs, STDs, contraception, nutrition and sexual assault.

Jessica Schenk said some women do not know how to take care of themselves.

"There's a lot of inaccurate information out there. Most women don't know nearly as much as they should," Schenk said.



Heidi Nyhus/TRUMPET

One Löhe suite discusses their first Bible study for first-year women. Suite members include, from left: Kayley Law, Sondra Roerish, Emily Barcalay, Suzy Berndt, Deb Hulinz, Sarah Van, Bailey Micklejohn, and Shelley Hartmann.

Forming community with the Bible

Covenant, a Bible study for female freshmen, is led by an eight-person suite.

Covenant is a place where participants can grow in their faith and build relationships with one another. This same Bible study took place last year and the suite decided to continue it.

"Five out of the eight of us had been in Covenant last year and felt that it helped us greatly. It really made us feel at home here at Wartburg. We enjoyed it and felt that we should carry this on for the future women of Wartburg," Sandra Roerish said.

Last year's Covenant was led by three junior women.

"I initially joined because I was looking for a Christian group. It was somewhere that I could learn about God and meet other young women hoping to do the same thing," Emily Barclay said.

The group meets weekly, but what they do varies per week.

"We do a large group Bible study one week and a small group discussion or bonding

time the next," Roerish said.

Covenant is unique because it doesn't solely focus on the group itself. They provide a place for girls to have fun while in a safe environment. There are no outside pressures or stress, just talking about God and faith.

"We are giving them faces to get to know and talk to them whenever they need someone to talk to. Through Covenant, each of the suite members will grow in faith and our community, as well as each of the freshman girls involved," Roerish said.

The suite members lead Covenant because they want others to have the same positive experience that they personally had as first-year students.

"We want to provide the opportunity for freshmen girls to meet other women who are seeking to establish and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ," Barclay said. "We're hoping to create a supportive environment where people can be themselves and grow in faith."

Educating about military life

One six-person suite devotes its time to spotlight those in the Armed Forces

"We're highlighting each branch of the military. We plan on doing the main branches, plus the reserves and some other relatively unknown branches," Mandie Jones said.

"We are also going to focus on a person from each branch, like family members or a friend."

One of the main reasons this group chose their topic is because when students graduate from high school, they have three options: getting a job, going to college or joining the military.

"People our age might not have known about that other option [the military]. So we're planning on enlightening them about what the military and other branches would be like, both here and abroad," said Courtney Westling.

All suite members have a connection to the Armed Forces.

"I have a brother, sister and brother-in-law who are in the military. This project is definitely personal," Jones said.

The suite would like to fund a care package project but isn't sure how it will fit into their monthly timeline.

"I feel that our project is unique. For each branch, we'll hopefully know a friend or relative that is or was a part of that branch. That's our way to reach out to the community both here and abroad," Westling said.

Lane to tell story of 5,200-mile expedition by canoe

Schild Museum's intlock rifle found during his trip from the Arctic Circle to the Gulf of Mexico

GRETTA STARK STAFF WRITER

A 100-year-old flintlock rifle found in the Arctic on an expedition sponsored by Vern Schild will be given to the man who found it Dec. 7.

A flintlock rifle uses flint in the inner workings of the gun to ignite the gunpowder and shoot lead balls.

Barry Lane was hired by Vern Schild to lead a canoe trip from the Arctic to the Gulf of Mexico in 1969. He found the gun in a rocky area in the Arctic, and it has been in the Schild Museum since then.

When Wartburg decided to close the Schild Museum, the auction company noticed Lane in some pictures in the museum, showing him on the expedition when the gun was found. They

contacted Lane and he was interested in the gun. The auction company also discovered that Lane had written a book about his trip.

John Wuertz, director of the Wartburg Physical Plant, asked Lane if he would be willing to come to Wartburg College and speak about his travels.

Wuertz said Lane's journey began through a coincidence. In the summer of 1969, Lane was visiting Colorado Springs and looked up a pastor who used to preach in his community. The pastor happened to be Vern Schild's brother. He passed an advertisement to Lane.

The advertisement was from Vern Schild, and it asked for someone willing to go "from the Arctic Circle to the Gulf of

Mexico in a canoe."

It advertised "a 5,200-mile expedition for some red-blooded American boy."

Lane responded to the ad and was chosen to lead the expedition. He was just starting his freshman year at Gustavus Adolphus College at the time. Lane was given college credit for the trip and set off in May 1970.

Schild paid one semester of Lane's tuition at Gustavus for his participation in the trip, which was almost entirely by canoe and foot.

"What Vern was trying to recreate was some of the early trips of the fur traders and some of the things that they did to make a living back in the early days," said Wuertz.

Wuertz said Lane felt he gained

a lot from the trip.

"It's really a faith adventure. It challenged his faith some, discouraged and developed his character," said Wuertz.

Lane started in the Arctic Circle, travelled across Hudson Bay, down the Red River and down the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico.

While he was in the Arctic, Lane found the old flintlock rifle made of wood and steel. Wuertz said there is an inscription on the gun that tells where it was made. However, the inscription is partially illegible due to weathering. It says that it was made for the Hudson Company.

"It says below that 'made in'. One of my guys thought it said England, somebody else thought it said Finland," Wuertz said.

Schild liked to travel and collected various items on his journeys.

"In the museum there was a German tractor that he bought in Germany and brought back over. It was barely ever used. The way it looked was so new. There was a Russian crawler tractor that he bought from Russia and he sent it back here. There was a Russian car," Wuertz said.

One of the things Schild collected was the gun, which will be presented to Lane after he speaks to the public about his journey Dec. 7 in McCaskey Lyceum. Lane's book, co-written with his daughter Jodie Raisl, is called "It's Uphill Most of the Way Down."

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SPORTS



Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET

KatyWendt tracks down the ball in the Knights'IIAC quarterfinal match where they lost to Simpson, last Tuesday.

Women fall in IIAC quarterfinals

ERIC THIELE ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Knights' women's soccer team's run for an Iowa Conference Tournament title and an automatic bid to the national tournament was cut short by Simpson Tuesday as the Knights fell 1-0.

In the first half of the quarterfinal match, the No. 23-ranked Knights had 13 shots, but were unable to score, while only allowing Simpson one shot.

"We just have to focus on finishing goals around the net and staying confident," head coach T. J. Buchholz said.

In the second half, the Knights were able to keep up their scoring opportunities as they put up 11

shots but were unable to put one in the net.

"They played great. Our girls were scratching and clawing to do everything they could to get a ball in the net. That happens in soccer where you can outplay a team and lose," Buchholz said. "We will sit and wait for the NCAA committee to give us a chance in the tournament."

Simpson was able to get the only goal of the game in the 69th minute on a header from Katherine Bird.

For the game, Simpson had only three shots, with two of them on goal.

The Knights were able to muster 24 shots, with seven of them on

goal.

"The Simpson goalie played great; she was the difference maker for them. Simpson ended up losing 1-0 in the conference final. They played great throughout the conference tournament. It made it difficult for our team to get looks," Buchholz said.

The Knights will have to wait to see if their 14-3-2 overall record will be good enough to get them into the national tournament. The selection committee meets Monday morning.

Check the Circuit at WartburgCircuit.org on Monday to see the soccer pairings

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Big Ten elite often struggle in big games

FROM PAGE 8

Ten is weak!

Week after week teams from this former powerhouse of a conference lose to teams that they should beat handily.

Teams in the Big Ten perform even worse when they face schools from real powerhouse conferences like the Pac-10.

Earlier this year, Ohio State choked away a game against the University of Southern California. The University of California blew out my own Minnesota Golden Gophers at home.

The Big Ten Conference has been surpassed by several other major conferences in the ranks of college football, and maybe even some mid-major conferences.

I feel Boise State would run up and down the field against any team in the Big Ten, and a team like Texas Christian University would hold a team like Iowa in its tracks.

The "powerhouse" teams of the Big Ten are losing to cellar teams in their own conference, how are they supposed to compete with the great teams of other conferences?

Iowa beat Penn State, who then lost to Ohio State. Ohio State fell to a weak Purdue squad and the

abysmal play goes on and on.

Iowa was within reach of a national championship bid all they had to do was beat Northwestern and they would have a share of the Big Ten Conference title.

The Hawkeyes lost and the Big Ten continues to look bad to the voters for the college football polls.

The bottom line: the Big Ten gets no respect because it doesn't deserve any; it's an average conference with average teams.

Hawkeye fans can blame the loss on several things. The game was a trap game and quarterback Ricky Stanzi got hurt in the first half. The same quarterback who threw five interceptions against an Indiana defense that is dead last in the Big Ten.

The Hawkeyes can even blame their loss on the famed Sports Illustrated cover jinx. Maybe there was a black cat in the locker room or the team walked under a ladder on their way to field too.

No, Iowa lost because they're an average team in a conference full of average teams. When two average teams meet, one of them is going to lose, and it was Iowa's turn.

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WARTBURG SPORTS BRIEFS

Sieck receives Volleyball Athlete of the Week honors

Wartburg's Britlyn Sieck won Volleyball Athlete of the Week honors, last Monday. The freshman won the honors for the best hitter.

She received the award after being named to the all-tournament team at the Illinois Wesleyan Invitational on Oct. 30-31

Knights football falls to Central; drop to 5-4, 4-3 in conference

ANDREW NOSTVICK SPORTS EDITOR

Despite outscoring Central 27-21 in the second half of Saturday's football game, the Knights fell to the Dutch 41-33 at Walston-Hoover Stadium.

"We'll definitely bounce back strong," Jared Olson said. "We'll clean up our mistakes and come out strong for the season finale."

The Knights scored first when Devin White kicked a 25-yard field goal on the first drive of the game to take a 3-0 lead.

With a 27-yard touchdown pass, Central took a 7-3 lead.

Devin White added another field goal in the first quarter to cut the Dutch's lead to 7-6.

Central scored two touchdowns in the second quarter to give the Dutch the lead, 20-6 at halftime.

"They just had our number today," Josh Vandenhul said. "They made plays, we didn't when we needed to, and that's why they beat us."

The Dutch started the second half with another touchdown pass, to build the lead to 27-6.

On the next drive, at Central's goal line, Kyle Whitney fumbled, only to have Nick Yordi recover it and run it in for a score.

Reese Thompson added another touchdown run for the Knights late in the third quarter, when he scored on a two-yard run. The drive included a fourth down conversion when Yordi completed a 19-yard pass to Matt Wickert. Central blocked the extra point.

A touchdown pass gave Central a 34-19 lead.

The Dutch scored again on their next drive in the fourth quarter to increase the lead to 41-19.

The Knights responded on the next drive when Yordi connected with Matt Gustafson on a 30-yard touchdown pass. With a two-point conversion, the Knights were down 41-27.

With less than four minutes left in the game, Yordi completed five-

of-six to drive the Knights deep into Dutch territory. Thompson scored his second touchdown of the game on a one-yard run.

The extra point was blocked again and the score was 41-33, in favor of the Dutch. The Knights missed the onside kick attempt.

"[Third down conversions] are something the whole team needs to

work on," Olson said. "But definitely, it does take some wind out of you when you don't stop them on third downs."

Yordi completed 28-of-38 for 334 yards and one touchdown. Thompson rushed for 78 yards on 14 carries. The Dutch clinched the Iowa Conference title with the win over the Knights. The Knights

moved to 5-4 and 4-3 in the conference.

The Knights will finish out the regular season as they host Simpson. Kick-off is set for 1 p.m. on Saturday at Walston-Hoover Stadium.

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Todd Sampson hauls in a reception for a pick up of 21 yards in the fourth quarter. The catch would help the Knights score on that drive.

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Knights ousted early

Women's soccer drops their third straight match in IIAC Tourney

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Region Championships @ Grinnell

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Men's soccer wins IIAC title

Knights upset Loras to clinch second straight title in OT thriller

ERIC THIELE ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg men's soccer team earned an automatic bid to the national tournament Saturday night after defeating Loras 2-1 in Dubuque.

The win also brought home the Knights second straight conference tournament title.

"No words could portray how well our team played for almost 110 minutes," head coach T.J. Buchholz said.

In the 50th minute, No. 3-ranked Loras found the back of the net to make the score 1-0.

Kyle McKenna scored on an assist from Brandon Cook in the 79th minute to tie the match at one.

Neither team was able to score again in regulation or in the first overtime.

It was in the 108th minute that Luke Prater scored the match-winning goal on an assist from Cook.

Buchholz said he was proud of the team's attitude and drive to keep fighting.

"It was up there for one of the best games I've ever been a part of," Buchholz said.

On Friday, the Knights defeated Dubuque in the semifinals, 2-1.

The Knights struck first early as Cook scored his 11th goal of the season with the assist from McKenna in the eighth minute.



Photo Courtesy of Loras Sports Information

Trent Michael and Geoff Miller defend the goal during the championship match against Central Saturday.

enna in the eighth minute.

This score lasted until the 79th minute as Geoff Miller found the back of the net on an assist from Cook to make the score 2-1.

"Bouncing back with Dubuque waiting for us and to know they beat us the first time, it was a pretty tough game. We talked about our early season tests and this is where

it paid off," Buchholz said.

On Tuesday, the Knights defeated Central in the quarterfinals, 1-0.

"We've got ourselves a ticket to go have some fun like you have at an amusement park. The team is good. We've lost four but we have had some bad luck in those games. I like our chances to go out and be

a difficult team to play," Buchholz said.

The Knights were to find out their next opponent Monday morning after the selection committee met. Check the Circuit at WartburgCircuit.org for the pairings.

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FROM THE BULLPEN

The Big Ten isn't all that great

AL STRAIN STAFF WRITER

The University of Iowa's loss to Northwestern University on Saturday showed America that the Big Ten Conference has fallen by the wayside as a major contender in college football.

The Hawkeyes lost to a Northwestern Wildcat team that had no business



beating them on their home field.

Iowa finally proved that they were an average team that had a streak of good luck finally run out.

Iowa barely escaped an upset from Football Championship Subdivision powerhouse Northern Iowa and needed late game comebacks against two below average teams in Michigan State and Indiana.

The loss gave everyone in the Big Ten a conference loss and finally cemented a fact...The Big

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Volleyball finishes second at Iowa conference tournament



Amanda Gahler/FILE PHOTO

Monique Davisson and Sofie Swift jump for a block against Luther earlier in the season.

LUKE ULLESTAD ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After falling to Simpson in the championship match, the Knights volleyball team finished in second place at the IIAC Tournament Saturday.

The Storm topped the Knights in Indianola 3-0.

"We were very confident going in, not over confident, but it was their moment to have. It was on their home court. We battled, but we couldn't get into our game," head coach Jennifer Walker said.

Simpson came out strong recording 54 kills, with three players posting double digits in kills.

Wartburg was limited to 26 kills in the championship game, with Britlyn Sieck leading the way with eight.

On the defensive side of the net, the Knights tallied 10 block assists and the Storm recorded eight.

Jane Ohde collected three, Britney Hermesen, Sofie Swift and Sieck had two respectively.

Wartburg faced the Norse from Luther College and the Dutch from

Central College on Friday.

The Knights defeated the Norse in five sets, 3-2.

Sieck led the Knights' attack on the offensive side of the net with 23 kills, her second most in a match this season.

Kahri Heinemann recorded 16 kills during the match.

"I think coming from behind and still pushing through to the very end shows a lot about our team - we have a ton of heart," Heinemann said.

Channing Merchant led both teams defensively with 26 digs. Nicole Beer posted 21 and Hermesen added 19.

The Knights battled the Dutch during the opening game on Friday, coming away with a victory in three sets, 3-0.

Wartburg had the advantage in kills, 46-44. Sieck had a game-high 17 kills, with Heinemann adding nine respectively.

"This season was so much fun for me as a coach, to get to go into the gym everyday and work with these athletes with their attitudes

and their enthusiasm. I could not have been more proud of our team," Walker said.

The loss in the championship game against the Storm ended the Knights' season with an 18-17 overall record.

"We have so many memories from this year and I will never forget any of them. Our team is like a family; I will miss this season and team more than any words can describe. We had a great year and I will never forget it," Heinemann said.

Swift ended the season with a .275 hitting percentage to place her fifth overall in the hitting percentage department in the IIAC.

Sieck finished second in the conference in kills with 469 and 3.61 per set. Merchant was fifth in defensive digs with 5.61 per set and 774 on the season.

Hermesen finished sixth with 8.83 assists per set with 1,218 on the year.

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